CONSTRUCTION OF DAM AT ASOGA VILLAGE

565. SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to Starred Question Number 384, dated 21st July 1972 and the answers given thereto and and state:

(*a*) whether Government have completed the investigation work of the proposed dam work at Asoga village in Khanapur Taluk on Malaprabha river.

(*b*) the village which would get irrigation facilities on completion of dam work;

(*c*) the Villages which are likely to be submerged under water and their area of submergence on account of the construction of dam?

SRI MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—(Minister for Education)[on behalf of]

SRI DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) This will be finalised when the project is approved.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI—The answers to (b) and (c) are not in keeping with the answer to (a). May I know what items of work fall under the investigation and proposed dam work.

† SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY —Since the budget has not been finalised let me tell my Hon. friend that about 34 villages are going to get benefit in Khanapur taluk if this project is taken up and about 7 villages will come under submersion.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know whether the Government is aware of the fact that on completion of this dam work there would be considerable increase in agricultural production and State's revenue and that is why people are pressing for the dam work and development of malnad area ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—It goes without saying that if this project is taken up it is definitely going to help the ryots and when their lands are irrigated naturally there will be increase in agricultural production.

GUNDAL RESERVOIR PROJECT

567. SRI R. RACHE GOWDA (Hanur) :— Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of land that would be submerged due to Gundal Reservoir ;